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CUP COUNTDOWN 1



Wycombe boss Lee tries Cup con job



By David Wright

"WYCOMBE Wanderers have got no chance. They will do well to keep the score below double figures. This is the amazing prediction of Wanderers manager Brian Lee as he prepares his men for next week's 1st FA Cup draw in the first round at Uxbridge. Lee is not alone in his pessimism as he faces a side which has been steadily beaten by the Wanderers have a chance of causing one of the biggest Cup upsets in years.

Lee said after Wycombe had held Bournemouth to a draw in the second round that he didn't think they stood much chance in the replay. Yet his players proved him wrong by winning at Dean Court.

Now I think Lee is trying to win a con job. He is hoping that his own players will do all out to prove him wrong and that Middlebrough will come out with the false impression that they have got nothing to fear.

Powerful

West Charlton's Dave, being second in the First Division before today's games, do have something to boast. There's no doubt about that.

Wycombe are one of the most powerful non-league sides in the country with a professional approach to the game.

Lee are trying to win the League champions and are right up with the leaders again this season. But Lee returns that the first and biggest as well as they did last term.

This again could be a piece of nonsense. Lee is good at that. I don't know whether or not to believe him when he told me "we don't have a chance of winning."

There's a top First Division side now being second in the table. The FA Cup is not a sale of fashion. It's reality. That's why I say we haven't a chance.

Notorious

"If we keep the score down to below double figures then we will have done well."

"All I can hope for is that we do something credit. And we can do that if we play as well as we know we can."

Will the notorious Jimmy Lawlor Park ever be such a mighty Middlebrough? "Yes," says Lee. "We will be."

If we overcome the pitch boys will have the Wycombe team to control with Power like a veteran team. United international Keith Smith, Welsh international Alan Phillips, and their international midfield, Welsh midfielder.

Wycombe had Middlebrough watched at Goodson Park this afternoon and you can be sure that their "top" would have been high.

The North East club are rich in talent and there are very few better organized sides in Division One.

Weakness

Their centre-back Willie Madden, already an Under-23 cap is on the verge of the full England side, while midfield dynamo Graham Sweeney is a Scottish international.

Up front, there have been several Under-23 men David Mills, Alan Law, and others.

There isn't a real weakness in the Middlebrough side.

In the Wycombe team pictured on the 22 are back Terry Harder, Keith Wood, Keith Smith, John Marshall, Alan Phillips, Howard Kennedy, Steve Smith, Paul Lee, and Bryan Evans.

Missing from the line-up are Paul Rothery and Bryan Evans.

ROUND THREE DRAW

Arsenal v York	Notts County v Portsmouth
Blackburn v Bristol Rovers	Oldham v Spurs
Barnsley v West Bromwich	Sheff Wed v Aston Villa
Bury v Walsley	Sheff Wed v Tranmere
Carlisle v Sheffield Wednesday	Preston v Burnley
Coventry v Norwich	Preston v Carlisle
Exeter v Aldershot	Sheff Wed v Bristol City
Falton v Hull	Sheff Wed v West Ham
Gillingham v Cardiff	Sheff Wed v Gillingham
Leeds v Cardiff	Sheff Wed v Luton
Leicester v Oxford	Sheff Wed v Notts County
Liverpool v Shrewsbury	Sheff Wed v Rotherham
Lincoln v Birmingham	Sheff Wed v Chesterfield
Manchester United v Watford	Sheff Wed v Swindon
Middlesbrough v Cambridge	Sheff Wed v Walsley
Millwall v Manchester City	Sheff Wed v Wycombe
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